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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 21 July 1980

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director noted a busy schedule for this week including the following:

--A meeting today with David Aaron re Charters Legislation S.2284. In response to a query from the Director, Silver noted the probability that Aaron has called the meeting to discuss a letter recently prepared by SSCI Staff Director Bill Miller re legislation. Silver said it is a good letter--one that CIA and Justice can agree to. Mr. Carlucci advised that any decision made at today's meeting take into account the position of State Department and its close legislative coordination with Representative Zablocki. []

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--The Director called attention to the importance of tomorrow's PRC meeting on Pakistan. He noted the previous meeting on this topic was inconclusive as to the extent of U.S. support that should be provided to Pakistan. He added that Secretary Muskie had posed several probing questions on the matter which hopefully will be resolved in tomorrow's meeting. []

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--A Presidential briefing scheduled for Wednesday. The Director noted these briefings are likely to be scant during the election campaign period. Relatedly, the Director advised Clarke that he has given thought to items which might require policy decisions in the near term; principally, the Jamaica situation and Presidential support for Identities Legislation, the Afghanistan situation as it relates to U.S. support to Pakistan, Iran and proposals for change in U.S. policy following the November election, and Central America. The Director asked that NFAC officers address these in today's pre-brief. Relatedly, Clarke noted reports that Iran intends to do what it can to influence the outcome of the U.S. Presidential election--to unseat President Carter. He said NFAC is giving this and related factors close attention. []

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--The Director noted Wednesday's NFIB review of the NFIP budget for 1982-86 to be followed by PRC(I) review on Friday. [] said he has forwarded a summary paper on issues for the Director's consideration re NFIB. The Director added that the PRC(I) will also review National Intelligence Topics and that he believes Secretary Muskie is now sufficiently well-informed on these for discussion. Clarke said he will provide the Director with background papers re topics. []

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Clarke said NIE's 11-1-80 and 35/36-80 are awaiting the Director's approval for NFIB review; he noted a possible scheduling problem relating to the Director's vacation plans. [] said he will have Elder work out the schedule and notify Clarke. []

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Clarke recommended that we forward to Oversight Committee Chairmen Bayh and Boland a copy of the recently completed post-mortem: Soviet Military Presence in Cuba. A brief discussion followed in which mixed views were expressed. The Director asked Goldin to seek Hitz's recommendation later today. []

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Clarke announced NFAC is distributing today an index to its publications of the past six months, noting that the listing reflects heavy activity by NFAC. []

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Goldin summarized legislative highlights. He noted particularly, re U.S. sanctions on the USSR, that OER analysts have provided briefings on U.S. trade restrictions to the Senate Banking Committee in response to a request from Senator Proxmire. Relatedly and with specific reference to the grain embargo, [] expressed concern that the Department of Commerce's acquisition of information may involve sources and methods. The Director asked Goldin to look into it and find out who is handling this at Commerce. []

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[] said the HPSCI will be giving attention this week to the situation in Honduras. []

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[] reported Rick Cinquegrana and Robert Keuch will represent Department of Justice at tomorrow's SSC(I) session on Identities Legislation. Silver opined that their presence is pointed toward participation in any mark-up by the committee which may immediately follow Mr. Carlucci's presentation and noted he also would participate in such event. Silver added that HPSCI modifications made to H.R. 5615 appear to be generally acceptable, i.e., applicable to the likes of Louis Wolf but not inclusive of columnists generally, e.g., Hirsch. Lastly, McMahon reminded all that Robert Keuch was one of the first to raise legal obstacles in our effort to gain Identities Legislation in 1978. []

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Silver said he will circulate today for review and comment a new draft paper on adhering to secrecy agreements which hopefully will clarify the obligation to review prepared speeches and articles. In response to a query from the Director, [] said we have conducted pre-reviews of speeches by former employees. []

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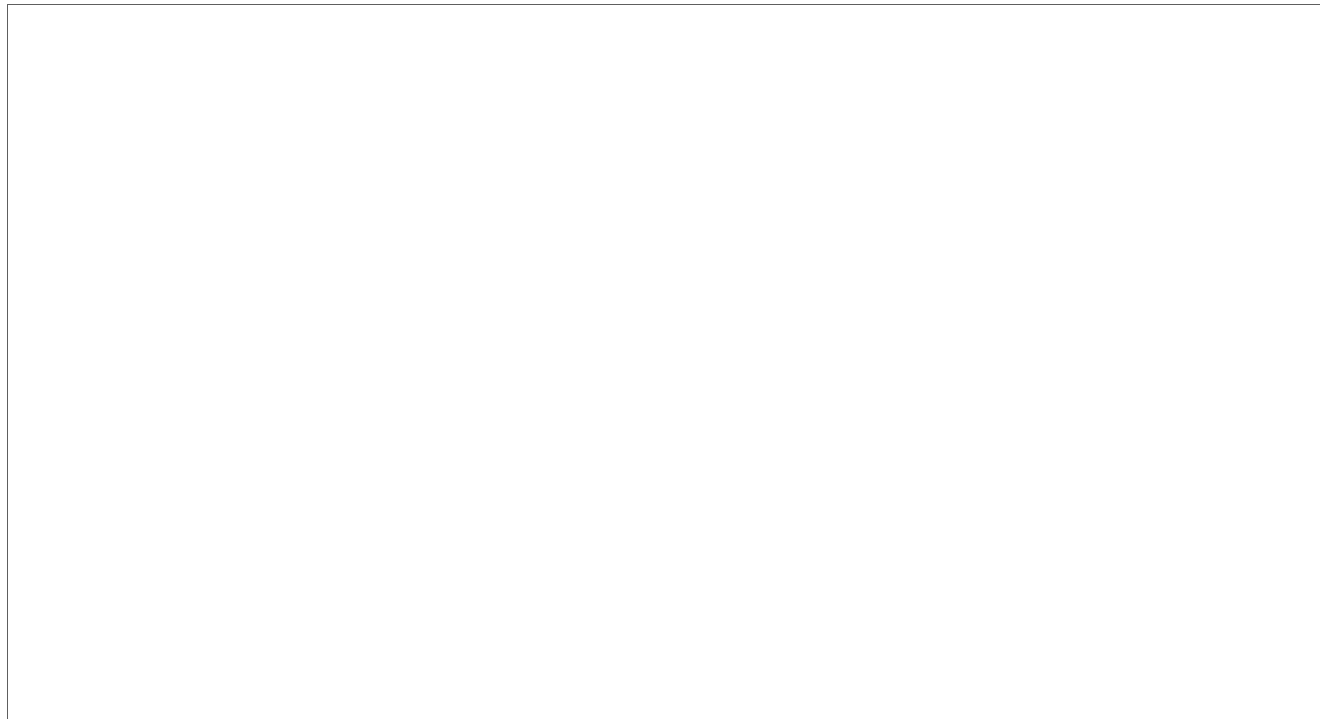
[] reported the GAO is looking into the MODE problem and their first queries to State were turned away and we intend to stand down similarly pending guidance which may result from a recent review of the MODE problem by Dr. Brzezinski, Secretary Brown, and Secretary Muskie. He said it is likely that a full review of the MODE problem will take place sometime in the fall. []

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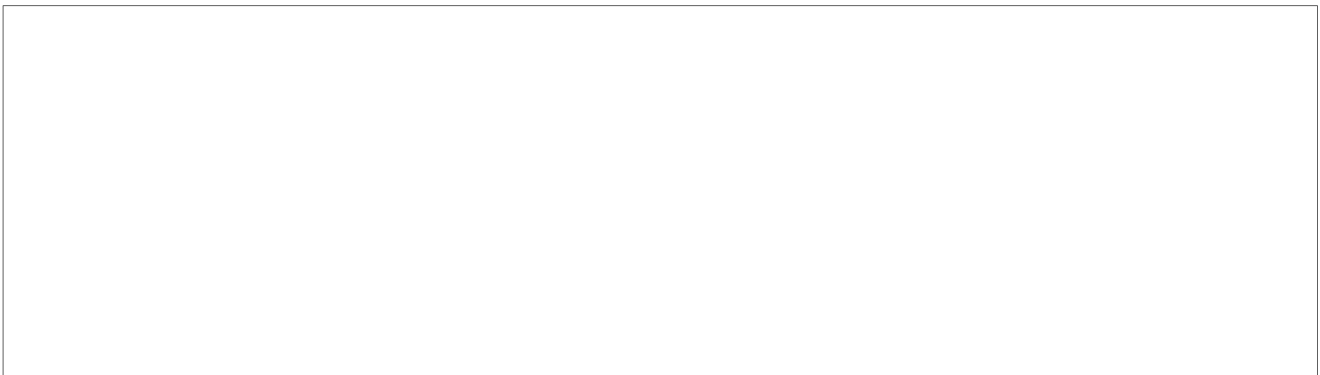


McMahon cited a report that Lt. General Danny Graham, an advisor to Governor Reagan, is in Argentina and has talked to Argentina's new President Videla who indicated that he is favorably disposed toward Governor Reagan.

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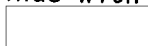


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Fitzwater said the House/Senate Conference report language re SES (SIS) calls for the Office of Personnel Management to look into payment abuses which may have occurred already and to clear them up. He said Scotty Campbell has already met with several agencies on this. Fitzwater said even if problems are cleared up, Congress is likely to remain tough re bonus payments in 1981. He recommended that we continue with our current plan to make bonus payments in 1981 for awards in 1980.

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[] announced that hostage Richard Queen will hold a news conference this morning. He noted also a blast by Hodding Carter re leaks within the Administration with particular reference to articles by New York Times columnist Richard Burt. []

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The Director said he will attend the Information Handling Conference to be held this week [] he noted also that the SSCI will hold a hearing on covert action next week. []

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